

August 2015 Newsletter
CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES



The Abundance of Summer

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From the Pastor's Study

When we hear people talk about abundance, they are more often talking about money. However, abundance is more than dollars and cents. The bible talks about two kinds of abundance; spiritual and earthly. This season of summer is a good example of earthly abundance; it is everywhere. There is an abundance of daylight as the days of summer are longer. Roadside produce stands are filled with an abundance of vegetables, fruits, and flowers. As the summer progresses and produce ripens faster than it can be sold, prices will drop allowing us to buy even more produce for our money. Canning and freezing will preserve that extra abundance of produce for the winter months ahead.

Everywhere there is an abundance of activity. People and families are **on the move off to visit people and places they haven't seen since last year** or perhaps for many years. There is an abundance of good times, good conversation and good will among us. Life is good. During the months of summer living is easier for most of us. There is less hardship than during the winter months and more time to spend enjoying life instead of worrying. There **may be grass to mow and weeds to pull and watering to be done, but we aren't** worried about heating bills, driving in the snow or falling on ice covered walkways. There have been abundant sunshine and blue skies this summer and an abundance of rain that has made everything grow abundantly!

A few weeks ago the group Simple Gifts performed at our Sunday morning worship service then shared a potluck meal in the social hall followed by a free concert in the sanctuary. As always there was an abundance of food and fellowship despite the low attendance. Those of us who stayed after the concert learned about the many stringed instruments Simple Gifts plays. A few of us learned how to play the spoons and found this simple form of making music to be much more fun than we expected. There was an abundance of the simple pleasures of music, food, conversation and laughter that Sunday.

The following Monday morning, Simple Gifts presented a workshop at Hoffman Homes for Youth. Presenting a workshop for children who are recovering from various kinds of abuse was a first for the ladies of Simple Gifts. When I saw them later that afternoon and asked them how the workshop at Hoffman Homes went, they both responded with smiles and thumbs up. The response from the children was more than expected. Over fifty children attended the workshop and were enthusiastic and genuinely interested in the music and the instruments. *“We wished we could have stayed all day.”* The ladies from Simple Gifts told me. *“There was obviously a need for what we offered the children this morning.”* An abundance of joy and perhaps changed lives for some of the children who were introduced to music and musical instruments they had never heard or seen before. We will probably never know how many seeds were planted at Hoffman Homes that morning, how many children forgot about their personal problems and were perhaps inspired to consider a future in music.

On Monday afternoon the folks at Trinity House were treated to a musical workshop which I attended. Although many of them were shy and stayed towards the back of the room they were soon laughing, and smiling, and asking questions about the music and the instruments. Everyone was invited to learn how to play the spoons. One lady said she was a spoon player from way back but declined an invitation to play for us. As the spoons were handed out and instructions were given on how to hold the spoons and play them, an abundance of smiles broke out everywhere. People were surprised at how simply and easily they could make music with two spoons. When the workshop was over everyone agreed that it was great fun. They expressed their appreciation for the music Simple Gifts had brought to their day. Afterwards a lady said to me, *“On Sunday our minister said that we need to not just come to church on Sunday, we should be the church. That is what your church is doing. It is being the church.”* Gee, where had I heard that before?

There is an abundance of life everywhere. It is not just found during the summer months but every day of the year. We need only look for it. We live in a country of great abundance. Christians have a God of great and never ending abundance. And because you and I have been blessed with so much abundance we are called to share it with others; both physical and spiritual abundance. All of the abundance you and I possess and receive daily comes from Jesus who said that he came that we might have life, and have life more abundantly. Jesus demonstrated the abundance of God through his miracles; loaves of bread and fish multiplied so no one would go hungry; people healed of sickness, disease; sight, hearing and minds restored; limbs and broken bodies made whole again; all these miracles so that we might live abundant lives.

Look around you and take notice of the abundance in your life. It is **easier and often more common to see only what we don't have. Make a list of** the good things you possess and a list of what you lack. I believe the list of good things will be much longer. Share your abundance with others. Give them some of your time, some words of encouragement, a helping hand when you hear someone has a need you can fill. Share some of the abundance of this season whether it be some produce from your own garden or something you bought from a roadside stand; fruit, vegetables, flowers, some baked goods. **Your thoughtfulness will be much appreciated and will make someone's day.** Celebrate the goodness of God and all that God has given us and continues to **give us every day, much of which we take for granted or don't even recognize** or fail to acknowledge. Have an attitude of gratitude for the abundance of our living, loving God who provides for our every need.

In the abundance of Christian love,
Pastor Michael

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen." -Philippians 4:19-20

Church of the Apostles

Elders and Deacons

2014 - 2015

Elders

Randy Cramer Jean High
Dave Patterson Martha Smith

Deacons

Trudy Stum Donna Levick
Nancy Dinterman Brian Jacobs

Church Leadership
Elders & Deacons



Altar Flowers

There is a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the Narthex for those wishing to donate altar flowers. Flowers can be purchased or provided from your own garden. If you purchased flowers and would like the purchase to be credited as a donation, place the receipt in a white envelope with your name and church envelope number in the upper right hand corner. You can place this envelope in the offering plate. If you want to supply flowers, but are unable to make the purchase, contact Nancy Dinterman at 762-3735.

***Birthdays
&
Anniversaries
in
August***



- 8/2 Linda Hovis
8/14 Robert Stum
8/15 Linda Ritchey
8/17 Sophie Misner
8/17 Cole Leidig
8/17 Reid Leidig
8/21 Donna and Tony Haugh
8/23 Ethan Berkey
8/24 Robert & Trudy Stum
8/27 Charles and Jean High

**Calendar of Events
August**

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| 2 Outdoor Worship | 10 AM |
| 9 Worship | 10 AM |
| 16 Worship | 10 AM |
| 18 Silver Express Delivery | 1:30 PM |
| 23 Worship | 10 AM |
| 30 Worship | 10 AM |
| 30 Church Growth Com. | 11 AM |



Weight Watchers meets every
Tuesday at 5 PM
and Wednesday at 9 AM

Al Anon meets every Thursday
from 8-9 PM

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *in August*

Lay Readers

The scriptures will given to you
the week before you are
scheduled to read.

No assigned readers

for

August.



The Nursery is Available if Needed.

Acolytes

The youth in our church will acolyte.
If they are unavailable, then the
Pastor or another congregant will bring
"The Light of Our Lord"
into the sanctuary.



Ushers & Greeters

August 2: Bob Benchoff & Randy Cramer

August 9: Donna Levick & Judy Fitz

August 16: Jean High & Ernie Fitz

August 23: Bob & Trudy Stum

August 30: Tony & Donna Haugh



Church Picnic

The church picnic and last outdoor worship service will be held on September 13. Plan to bring food to share and bring a friend or relative to celebrate the end of the summer season.

Church Staff & Committees



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Choir Director: *Reg Rice*

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Stewardship & Finance: *Donna Haugh & Jean High*

NGA Ingathering

The 2015 NGA Ingathering will be held at the Church of the Apostles on October 6.

The Mission of NGA - Needlework Guild of America is to improve the quality of life for economically disadvantaged individuals in the United States by collecting and distributing to them NEW gifts of clothes, linens, and personal care items.

Our desire is to help disadvantaged children, women and men by offering new items of clothing to help them become self-sufficient in life. The new clothes help bring warmth and comfort to those who need it most. A new outfit encourages a positive outlook on life.

The local branch of NGA services the following agencies: Waynesboro Community and Human Services, South Mountain Restoration Center, Pregnancy Resource Center, Franklin County Headstart Programs and Faith Community Outreach Ministries. These agencies provide us with requisitions as to their needs and we shop appropriately. A copy of the requisitions are posted in the Narthex or I will accept monetary donations and shop for you.

Thanks again, for helping those less fortunate.

Linda Hovis
Waynesboro Branch Secretary



Peace Pole Dedication

The cedar peace pole has arrived and sitting in the hall outside the Sunday school classrooms if you would like to take a look. It will be installed in a special day of dedication and celebration of peace on September 19.



Volunteers Needed to Help With Peace Pole & Peace Garden

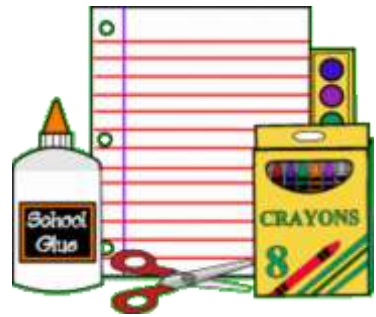
We are preparing to further promote world peace by joining the World Peace Society, "planting" a peace pole and creating a peace garden around it. If you wish to help with this project, here's what we need:

1. Use of a power auger to drill a 3'- 4' hole for the 6" x 6" x 12' pole or help digging and then tamping dry concrete into hole
2. Sod removing & rototilling
3. Flower planting

Please CONTACT PASTOR MICHAEL as soon as possible if you can help. Our goal is to complete the project in time for a dedication on September 19th which is near the United Nations International Day of Peace.

School Supplies

Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies for the children of the Waynesboro community. Your generous and thoughtful donations will make a difference in the life of a child this school year; a child who may have had to make do with less than they needed for school.



School Supplies Needed

Once again Waynesboro Human Services has made a request for school supplies for low income children in our community. Last year over 390 children received supplies. All of the children needed back packs. Cash donations may also be made. Make checks out to Waynesboro Community and Human Services Council with "school supplies" marked in the memo of the check. Drop your cash donations in the offering plate on Sunday. The deadline for donations is August 5 although anything received after that date will be accepted. Distribution of supplies is the week of August 12. There will be a designated area in the narthex for your donations.

Supplies **NOT** Needed:

No spiral ring notebooks or permanent markers.

Supplies Needed:

Backpacks-lanyards-earbud headphones-expo markers (dry erase markers) *green, red, black, blue*-**large pink erasers and erasers for end of pencils, No.2 yellow pencils, skinny washable markers, glue sticks, plain colored 2-pocket folders with or without prongs, large pencil boxes 8"x5", crayons, highlighters, three ring binders, non-retractable red pens, composition books, post it notes 3"x5", colored pencils, pencil pouches, underwear and socks.**



Thank You for Your Support

Although attendance was few, thanks to those of you who participated in the community potluck and attended the concert by Simple Gifts last month. Thanks to everyone who stayed afterward to clean up and put things back in order after the events.

Reg Rice

Reg Rice our former music director and Christian education leader has returned to Florida to live with his wife Sue. Despite the progress he had been making upon his return to Pennsylvania, some of his old health challenges returned preventing him continuing his work at the church. If you wish to stay in touch with Reg his address will remain in the directory. We will miss his gifts of music and teaching and pray for a healthy and prosperous future for Reg and his wife.

OUTDOOR MINISTRY SUMMER NEEDS

Volunteers are needed to help with watering the planters throughout the summer, especially if the summer is hot & dry.

Our sidewalks need cleaned ! We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. We'll be using buckets of bleach water, brooms & the hoses.

Please contact Bob Benchoff or Bruce Barr.



Faith United Methodist Church

Striving to be Real, Friendly, and Helpful!

104 N. Potomac Street
Waynesboro, PA



(Indoors—Elevator Accessible)

August 14th, 15th, & 22nd, 2015

Friday, August 14: 9 a.m. 'til 5 p.m.
Saturday, August 15: 9 a.m. 'til 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 22: 9 a.m. 'til 12 p.m.

"Proceeds Go to Local & Global Missions"
Donations of Canned Goods Accepted and Appreciated!
Canned Items Go to the Food Pantry!

Clothing (good/used children & adult), kitchen items, usable/working small appliances, good pots/pans, dishes, storage containers, tools, curtains, bed clothing, baskets, collectable tin cans, toys/games/etc., books, VCR tapes, picture frames, baby items, lamps, crafts, jewelry, supplies, seasonal items/decorations.

August 14th, 15th



Lunch Items Sold
Friday, August 14th ONLY
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sponsored: United Methodist Women

All Items Will Be Sold on the Sale Days!

Simple Gifts Concert



*Concert
at
Trinity
House*



*Potluck
At
Apostles*



WELCOME



Sophia Lynn Adams

March 30, 2015
4:40 PM

7 lbs. 3.5 oz.
20 in.

Proud parents
Brian & Emily
Adams

Brian Adams was pastor at Grace, Greencastle when he passed away unexpectedly in January . The Mercersburg Association made a \$500 donation toward Sophia's college fund. His daughter had not yet been born at the time of his death.

“Silver Express” Food Bank

Thank you for your help to fill their
bowls!



Donations for this month
will be delivered **August 18.**

All canned/boxed food on the shelves will be delivered
each month to ensure freshness.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please forward an address change to the Church office.



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MISSION STATEMENT

We are called together to worship God, united by the Holy Spirit, and chosen as instruments of our Lord's purpose to teach, support and serve all people. We witness to the church, the community and the world by showing joy in the faith and using our talents to praise God.